

## CLAIMS

### In the claims:

1        1.     A method of providing monetary credits to a guest at a coverage area,  
2 comprising:

3            receiving payment from said guest for said monetary credits;  
4            reading an identification tag worn by said guest to obtain a tag identifier;  
5            accessing a guest data object using said tag identifier; and  
6            modifying information related to monetary credits in a data field of a guest data  
7 object based on an amount of said payment.

1        2.     The method of claim 1, wherein receiving said payment is by a credit  
2 card.

1        3.     The method of claim 1, wherein receiving said payment is by a debit  
2 card.

1        4.     The method of claim 1, wherein receiving said payment is by cash.

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1        5.     The method of claim 1, wherein said identification tag comprises a radio  
2 frequency identification (RFID) tag.

1        6.     The method of claim 5, wherein reading said identification tag comprises  
2 using an RFID reader to read said guest identifier from said RFID tag.

1        7.     The method of claim 1, wherein modifying said monetary credits  
2 information comprises a processor modifying said monetary credit information stored in  
3 said data field of said guest data object.

1        8.     The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting said tag identifier  
2 and said payment amount from a service terminal or kiosk system to a central server by  
3 way of a communications link.

1        9.     The method of claim 8, further comprising transmitting credit card  
2 information from said service terminal or kiosk system to said central server by way of  
3 said communications link.

1        10.    The method of claim 9, further comprising:  
2            transmitting a digital photograph information of said guest from said service  
3 terminal or kiosk system to said central server by way of said communications link; and  
4            writing said digital photograph information in a second data field of said guest  
5 data object.

1        11.    A system for purchasing monetary credits for making monetary  
2 transactions within a coverage area, comprising:  
3            a reader to read a tag identifier stored in an identification tag worn by a guest at  
4 said coverage area;  
5            an input device to receive information related to a payment for said monetary  
6 credits;  
7            a network interface to communicate with a central server; and  
8            a processor to cause a transmission of said tag identifier and said payment  
9 information to said central server by way of said network interface.

1        12.    The system of claim 11, wherein said reader comprises a radio frequency  
2 identification (RFID) reader.

1        13.    The system of claim 11, wherein said input device comprises a keyboard.

1        14.    The system of claim 11, wherein said input device comprises a touch  
2 screen input device.

1        15. The system of claim 11, further comprising a display for displaying  
2 information related to the purchase of said monetary credits.

1        16. The system of claim 11, further comprising a printer for generating  
2 documents containing information related to the purchase of said monetary credits.

1        17. The system of claim 11, further comprising a digital camera for taking a  
2 digital photograph of said guest and wherein said processor is capable of transmitting said  
3 digital photograph of said guest to said central server by way of said network interface.

1        18. The system of claim 11, further comprising a credit or debit card reader  
2 to read information from a credit or debit card, and wherein said processor is capable of  
3 transmitting said credit or debit card information to said central server by way of said  
4 network interface.

1        19. A central server to facilitate transactions within a coverage area,  
2 comprising:

3        a non-volatile memory to store a guest data object including a first data field  
4 containing information related to monetary credits;  
5        a network interface to communicate with a service terminal or kiosk system; and  
6        a processor to receive information related to a guest of said coverage area and  
7 information related to an amount of monetary credits to be purchased from said service  
8 terminal or kiosk system by way of said network interface, and to modify said monetary  
9 credits information based on said amount of monetary credits information.

1        20. The central server of claim 19, wherein said guest data object further  
2 includes a second data field to contain information related to credit or debit card  
3 information of said guest.

1        21.    The central server of claim 19, wherein said guest data object further  
2    includes a second data field containing information related to a digital photograph of said  
3    guest.

1        22.    A guest data object stored in a memory comprising a first data field  
2    containing information related to monetary credits useful for making monetary  
3    transactions within a coverage area.

1        23.    The guest data object of claim 22, further comprising a second data field  
2    containing information related to credit or debit card information of said guest.

1        24.    The guest data object of claim 23, further comprising a third data field  
2    containing information related to a digital photograph of said guest.

1        25.    A data structure stored in a memory defining a first data field for  
2    containing information related to an monetary credits useful for making monetary  
3    transactions within a coverage area.

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1        26.    The data structure of claim 25, further defining a second data field  
2    containing information related to credit or debit card information of said guest.

1        27.    The data structure of claim 25, further defining a second data field  
2    containing information related to a digital photograph of said guest.

1        28.    A method of selling monetary credits to a guest at a coverage area,  
2    comprising:  
3        receiving payment from said guest for said monetary credits; and  
4        updating information related to monetary credits stored in a tag worn by said  
5    guest.

1           29.    The method of claim 28, wherein said tag further includes information  
2   related to an identity of said guest.

1           30.    The method of claim 28, wherein said tag comprises a radio frequency  
2   identification (RFID) tag.

1           31.    A point-of-sale (POS) system, comprising:  
2            an input device to receive information related to an amount of monetary credits to  
3   be purchased by a guest within a coverage area;  
4            a reader/writer to read and modify information related to monetary credits for  
5   making monetary transaction within a coverage area stored in a tag worn by a guest; and  
6            a processor to receive said information related to said amount of monetary credits  
7   to be purchased and to cause said reader/writer to modify said information related to said  
8   monetary credits based on said information related to said amount of monetary credits to  
9   be purchased.

1           32.    The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 31, wherein said reader/writer  
2   comprises a radio frequency identification (RFID) reader/writer.